

## NCPV Hotline — Week of February 12-18, 2007

### Weekly News Items

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The National Center for Photovoltaics (NCPV), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL's) center for PV research maintains an international communications system called the NCPV Hotline. The Hotline increases knowledge and awareness of PV industry and research happenings. Hotline participants receive important news items via email related to PV activities around the world. The contents have been relatively uncensored, because we depend on the good judgment of the contributors to separate fact from rumor.

#### (Links may expire)

Current and archived NCPV Hotline issues <link to [http://www.nrel.gov/pv/news\\_hotline.html](http://www.nrel.gov/pv/news_hotline.html)>

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### 2-12-07 Open Energy Solar Tiles for Housing Development, California

Open Energy Corporation announced the company's first installation as a standard option on a new housing development. William Lyon Homes selected Open Energy's SolarSave® Tiles for its 77-unit housing development in northern San Diego, California. Story at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47420> or <http://tinyurl.com/3ybwm3>

Open Energy Corporation: <http://www.openenergycorp.com/>

### 2-12-07 Conergy – Suntech Power Module Contract

Conergy AG signed a contract with Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. under which solar modules worth at least \$270 million are scheduled for delivery to Conergy in 2007. Conergy press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO369.htm> and

[http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=242/310\\_read-6692/](http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=242/310_read-6692/) or <http://tinyurl.com/2jpk6x>

Suntech Power's announcement at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BB0FBBBCBB%2DFDCE%2D430B%2DA748%2DFF5DC007C59C%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&synd=nbk> or <http://tinyurl.com/3xreee>

Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>

Conergy: <http://www.conergy.com/>

### 2-12-07 ICP Solar Partnership with West Marine

ICP Solar Technologies Inc. announced that it has expanded its partnership with West Marine by enlarging the range of Sunsei™ Brand solar charger products available at West Marine stores. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO525.htm> and RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47407> or <http://tinyurl.com/2akoc4>

ICP Solar Technologies: <http://www.icpsolar.com/>

West Marine: <http://tinyurl.com/2gkkri>

### 2-12-07 Secretary of Energy at First Solar

On 13 February, U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman will deliver remarks at the First Solar facility in Perrysburg, Ohio to highlight President Bush's energy initiatives. He is expected to discuss the President's Solar America Initiative. DOE Press at: <http://www.energy.gov/news/4786.htm>

Solar America Initiative: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/about.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/about.html)

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

### 2-12-07 More on Solar America Showcases Opportunity for Technical Assistance

The U.S. Department of Energy has extended the due date for applications for its Solar America Showcases opportunity to March 30, 2007. See the Alert at:

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts/progress\\_alert.asp?aid=215](http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts/progress_alert.asp?aid=215) or

<http://tinyurl.com/2emaee>

Solar America Showcases: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/foa.html#showcases](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/foa.html#showcases) or

<http://tinyurl.com/yjdx3s>  
<https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/0ba000b968a07c9885256c3f0067b90d/4d9f1b475a721b5585257204004e850e?OpenDocument&Highlight=0,DE-PS36-07GO97008DOE> or <http://tinyurl.com/szmf5>  
Solar America Initiative: [http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/about.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/about.html)

### **2-12-07 European Photovoltaic Industry Association's Newsletter**

The February issue of EPIA's newsletter, SOLARIS, with coverage of EPIA activities, upcoming EPIA events, policy, news from the sector, technological developments, publications, personalities, and other news, is available at: [http://epiadev.epia.org/09newsletter/newsletter\\_new.asp](http://epiadev.epia.org/09newsletter/newsletter_new.asp)

### **2-12-07 IREC's Connecting to the Grid Newsletter**

The current issue of IREC's Connecting to the Grid newsletter, with coverage of state, national and international developments in net metering and interconnection standards as well as related distributed generation news, publications and events, is available at <http://www.irecusa.org/connect/enewsletter.html>

### **2-12-07 California Energy Commission Workshop**

Presentations for the Intermittency Analysis Project workshop, with a focus on the 2010 and 2020 renewable energy penetration scenarios, are available at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/pier/notices/>

### **2-12-07 Solar Car**

The Pre-Production Operations Design Center shop located at GM's Technical Center is providing resources to develop engineering and design solutions for the Continuum, the University of Michigan's 9<sup>th</sup> generation solar car team. Press at: <http://www.theautochannel.com/news/2007/02/11/036806.html>  
The University of Michigan Solar Car Team: <http://www.engin.umich.edu/solarcar/>

### **2-12-07 Solar for Wineries**

See the story "More wineries finding savings through solar power" at:  
<http://www.busjrn.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070212/BUSINESSJOURNAL/70211007> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/ytg3qt>

### **2-12-07 California Solar Seminars**

See information on "CSI Survivor Seminars" at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/events/view?id=44631>

Agenda: [http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/partner/sunpower\\_consulting/agenda.html](http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/partner/sunpower_consulting/agenda.html) or  
<http://tinyurl.com/37rj88>

### **2-12-07 California Solar Forums**

For presentations from the CA Solar Forums, visit: <http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/solarforum.html>

### **2-12-07 Colorado Renewables Bill**

On February 7, the Colorado state legislature introduced a bill that would double Colorado's use of renewable energy for electricity to 20% by 2020. Information at:  
<http://environmentcolorado.org/envcoenergy.asp?id=2135&id4=TAfsent> or <http://tinyurl.com/28axqq>

### **2-12-07 National RPS Bill**

For information on a National RPS bill introduced on Capitol Hill, see RenewableEnergyAccess at:  
<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story?id=47402>

### **2-12-07 More on Citizenre**

For an article on Citizenre at RenewableEnergyAccess' RE Insiders, visit:  
<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/reinsider/story?id=47419> or <http://tinyurl.com/37ejfe>  
Citizenre: <http://www.citizenre.com/web/index.php>

### **2-12-07 Renewable Energy Marketing Conference**

For access to presentations from the 11<sup>th</sup> National Renewable Energy Marketing Conference, visit:  
[http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/conference/remconf06\\_pres.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/conference/remconf06_pres.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/2s7emv>

### **2-12-07 Wall Street Green Trading Summit**

See information on the 6<sup>th</sup> Wall Street Green Trading Summit in New York at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47404> or <http://tinyurl.com/2ovw2d>  
Summit Website: [https://www.hedgeconnection.com/atlas/event\\_viewer.php?eid=2](https://www.hedgeconnection.com/atlas/event_viewer.php?eid=2)

### **2-12-07 FY 2007 Appropriations**

The revised continuing appropriations resolution, 2007, is back on the Senate floor this week, with debate on allowing amendments and earmarks. The current Continuing Resolution expires February 15.

### ***In related solar news...***

### **2-12-07 Solar Tower**

According to this press, prospects for development of EnviroMission's Solar Tower power station technology have firmed for Ward County, Texas after positive pre-feasibility findings show a strong fit for the technology in the region. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BE5BCBBCE%2DFC47%2D41D8%2DB4BB%2D72DEBFB8C2D3%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2dgr68>

EnviroMission: <http://www.enviromission.com.au/>

### **2-12-07 Concentrating Solar Power Market Report**

Research Reports International has added the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of "The Market for Concentrating Solar Power" report to its offering. Press at: [http://www.researchreportsintl.com/products/product.cfm?report\\_ID=93](http://www.researchreportsintl.com/products/product.cfm?report_ID=93) or <http://tinyurl.com/ywoocb>

### **2-13-07 Conergy's Business Expansion**

Conergy AG plans to more than quadruple its revenue this year in France. Worldwide, Conergy is looking to increase sales by 60% to €1.25bn. See more on their renewable energy business in the press at Conergy:

[http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx/tabid-182/271\\_read-6710/](http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx/tabid-182/271_read-6710/) or <http://tinyurl.com/258e92>

Conergy: <http://www.conergy.de/en/DesktopDefault.aspx>

### **2-13-07 IAUS High-volume Run**

International Automated Systems, Inc. announced that it has successfully finished its first high-volume run of its new solar panels. According to the press, on a 24/7 operating schedule, an estimated 350 MW of IAUS panels can be produced annually. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BE4A78A60%2DB9BD%2D484D%2D804E%2DCA7742F154B2%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/3cl5zd>

International Automated Systems: <http://www.iaus.com/>

### **2-13-07 Renewable Energy for New Orleans**

Think Energy, Inc., in association with Global Green USA, is requesting information from vendors of renewable energy technologies and products that can be employed in the reconstruction efforts underway in New Orleans, Louisiana. More at:

<http://www.thinkenergy.net/pressroom.htm>

Think Energy: <http://www.thinkenergy.net/>

Global Green USA: <http://www.globalgreen.org/>

### **2-13-07 Verde Energy Partners with Wells Fargo**

Verde Energy announced that the company is providing solar power financing options to residential and commercial customers nationwide through a partnership with Wells Fargo. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story;jsessionid=0C6B4C85A66B1E00>

68772BAA407EFA9?id=47424&src=rss or <http://tinyurl.com/2khmya>  
Verde Energy: <http://www.verdeenergy.com/>

### **2-13-07 Dyesol and Corus Collaboration**

Twenty scientists and engineers from Dyesol Ltd and Corus have completed the knowledge exchange phase in their collaborative program aimed at integrating DSC technology into Corus metal building products. See the press at: <http://tinyurl.com/2fhkoq>  
Dyesol: <http://www.dyesol.com/index.php?page=Home>  
Corus: <http://www.corusgroup.com/en/>

### **2-13-07 Open Energy Management Positions**

Open Energy Corporation announced that Jeff Stein will join the senior management team as Chief Financial Officer, and former CFO Cheryl Bostater will assume the responsibilities of Chief Operating Officer. More on Open Energy at:  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B90C29F1E%2D4153%2D4A36%2D8C69%2D6D00A26CD210%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/2xztxn>  
Open Energy: <http://www.openenergycorp.com/>

### **2-13-07 Solar Panels for the Department of Energy**

The House of Representatives approved a bill to create a solar energy system for the Department of Energy building in Washington, DC. "What better symbol than the Department of Energy itself, to operate on renewable energy?" said Jim Oberstar, author of the bill. Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/index.asp> at:  
<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/02/12/america/NA-GEN-US-Solar-Energy.php> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/2lfm39>  
<http://technocrat.net/d/2007/2/12/14817>

### **2-13-07 SEPA Scholarships for Solar Power 2007**

The Solar Electric Power Association announced the availability of scholarships for electric utility employees to attend Solar Power 2007. The Application can be downloaded at:  
[http://www.solarelectricpower.org/docs/SEPA\\_Scholarship.pdf](http://www.solarelectricpower.org/docs/SEPA_Scholarship.pdf)  
Solar Power 2007: <http://www.solarpowerconference.com/>  
SEPA: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/>

### **2-13-07 Solar Stocks**

See "2007: Solar Stocks Come out Smok'in" by Peter Lynch at InvestorIdeas.com:  
<http://www.renewableenergystocks.com/PL/News/021207.asp>

### **2-13-07 SRI Consulting Reports**

SRI Consulting has released two new reports on alternative energy, one of which is on "Materials and Chemicals for New Energy Generation", which focuses primarily on solar and wind electrical energy. Press at:  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B05AD8BA7%2D6063%2D4667%2DAE34%2DCFFB01B9579E%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/29brl2>  
SRI Consulting: <http://www.sriconsulting.com/>

### **2-13-07 Research and Markets Solar Reports**

Research and Markets has added "Solar Power Commercial Market Applications 2007" to their offering. Press at:  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BFF0F8635%2D9CDC%2D4A55%2DBAB2%2DBE1942887517%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/yu6lyd>

Also added to their offering is the "China Sourcing Report: Solar Panels 2007". Information at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BFF74B449%2D7242%2D4729%2D9372%2DD8A9EFF69A56%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/28hxtg>

### **2-13-07 SEI Workshop**

Solar Energy International, in co-sponsorship with the State Energy Program at the Utah Geological Survey & The Green Building Center, will hold a 6-day intensive hands-on workshop in PV, April 16-21. Information at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47423&src=rss> or <http://tinyurl.com/2fbjdc>

Solar Energy International: <http://www.solarenergy.org/>

### **2-13-07 Sinostar Lighting**

Information on small solar systems from Sinostar Lighting is available at:

<http://www.duxlite.com/>

### **2-14-07 First Solar Modules for Solar Plant, Germany**

First Solar, Inc. announced that it will supply solar modules for a 40-MW solar power plant to be constructed in the Saxon region of Germany in the municipality of Brandis by juwi solar GmbH. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story?id=47439> or

<http://tinyurl.com/258gav>

First Solar: First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

juwi: <http://www.juwi.de/international/frame.htm>

### **2-14-07 First Solar Results**

First Solar, Inc. announced financial results for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and fiscal year ended 30 December 2006. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B9BA3D286%2D4234%2D4E95%2D8749%2D6673A45A744D%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/ynq5wh>

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

### **2-14-07 First Solar Profit**

See the story "First Solar posts 1<sup>st</sup> profit in 20-year history" at:

<http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070214/BUSINESS03/702140390/-1/BUSINESS> or <http://tinyurl.com/2527f9>

First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/>

### **2-14-07 Applied Materials Results**

Applied Materials, Inc. reported results for its first fiscal quarter ended 28 January 2007. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B04061274%2D9B0C%2D4C86%2DBDDF%2D21780776D3C5%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/29qgtm>

Applied Materials: <http://www.appliedmaterials.com/>

<http://www.appliedmaterials.com/investors/index.html>

### **2-14-07 SolarWorld Results**

SolarWorld AG reported 2006 financial results. See the story at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO371.htm>

SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld.de/sw-eng/presse-adhoc/index.php> or <http://tinyurl.com/yt2pfx>

### **2-14-07 Good Energies Sale of Stake in REC**

According to this press, Dutch investment firm Good Energies has sold its remaining 4% stake in Renewable Energy Corp. Press at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/mergersNews/idUSN1321948120070213> or <http://tinyurl.com/2eqnrc>

(click on the title when the article appears)

REC: <http://www.recgroup.com/>

Good Energies: <http://www.goodenergies.com/>

#### **2-14-07 PV System for YMCA, Louisiana**

Direct Global Power Inc. and SunShine Plus have joined together to bring a 20 kW PV system to the historical Dryades YMCA facility in New Orleans, Louisiana. Press at:

<http://www.directglobalpower.com/news.html>

Direct Global Power: <http://www.directglobalpower.com/>

Sunshine Plus: [http://www.renewablenys.org/index.php?action=profile&entity\\_id=128](http://www.renewablenys.org/index.php?action=profile&entity_id=128) or

<http://tinyurl.com/yqsfw2>

#### **2-14-07 Fiberstars Funding**

Fiberstars, Inc. announced \$240,000 in funding through DARPA's Very High Efficiency Solar Cell project. Press at:

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/070214/sfw014.html?v=89>

Fiberstars: <http://www.fiberstars.com/>

November VHESC 2005 Press: <http://www.udel.edu/PR/UDaily/2006/nov/solar110205.html>

#### **2-14-07 Photowatt Technologies IPO**

See information on Photowatt Technologies Inc. IPO at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BA337FBFB%2DFF35%2D4FE6%2DA3CA%2D447DB9E3CD1D%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk> or <http://tinyurl.com/37xifs>

#### **2-14-07 Solar Industry Furnace Supply**

See the story "Solar industry may face tight furnace supply in 2009" at DigiTimes:

[http://www.digitimes.com/bits\\_chips/a20070214PD211.html](http://www.digitimes.com/bits_chips/a20070214PD211.html)

#### **2-14-07 Abengoa Solar Energy Award**

Abengoa will give an award to the best doctoral thesis conducted at the University of Seville on solar energy and sustainable development. Information at: <http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/30254.html>

Abengoa: <http://www.abengoa.com/> (click on language button, then news)

#### **2-14-07 Open Energy Corp. at Symposium**

Open Energy Corp. announced that David Saltman, the Company's President and CEO, will participate on the US Solar Integrator Panel at the Piper Jaffray Opportunities in Alternative Energy Symposium 21 February in New York. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BF494CA37%2DECBA%2D4CDE%2DA2C0%2DF19C463B8BDD%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&synd> or <http://tinyurl.com/33sl7a>

Open Energy: <http://www.openenergycorp.com/>

Piper Jaffray: <http://www.piperjaffray.com/1col.aspx?id=287&releaseid=960849> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2ocgzx>

<http://www.piperjaffray.com/Conferences>

#### **2-14-07 EERE Network News [Kevin Eber]**

See the latest issue of EERE Network News with coverage of the International Homebuilder's Show, SUN21 and other topics at: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm?id\\_10564](http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm?id_10564)

[http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm?id\\_10569](http://www.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm?id_10569)

#### **2-14-07 Solar Power Summit**

For information on "Solar Power Project Finance & Investment Summit" set for 9-11 May 2007 in San Diego, California, visit: <http://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?i=df47c8e2-fd9b-49a1-9172-fce562d7aaec> or <http://tinyurl.com/2u2brw>. The keynote address will be by Larry Kellerman, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs & Co.



## **2-14-07 PV Certification**

See the article "IEC, UV, UL Certification Losing Value" at ENF.cn:

<http://www.enf.cn/news/070214/1616.html>

## **2-14-07 FY 2007 Appropriations**

Cloture was invoked on the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 on 13 February in the Senate.

*In related solar news...*

## **2-14-07 Solar Thermal Action Plan for Europe**

For information on the European Solar Thermal Industry Federation's recent publication, Solar Thermal Action Plan for Europe, see RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/infocus/story?id=47435> or <http://tinyurl.com/yv556o>

Solar Thermal Action Plan for Europe: <http://www.estif.org/281.0.html>

## **2-15-07 Polycrystalline Production Plant Study, France**

Technip has been awarded a contract by Silicium de Provence for preliminary studies pertaining to a polycrystalline silicon production plant dedicated to PV. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BF57442A0%2DA077%2D4B50%2D802B%2D4163CDC6A8A1%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/26yegy>

Technip: <http://www.technip.com/english/index.html>

## **2-15-07 Evergreen Solar Sales**

According to this press, sales of Evergreen Solar Inc.'s solar panels have more than doubled over the last year, and now the company is weighing options to accommodate that growth – including offers from several states for its expansion. Press at:

[http://www.bizjournals.com/masshightech/stories/2007/02/12/daily28.html?from\\_rss=1](http://www.bizjournals.com/masshightech/stories/2007/02/12/daily28.html?from_rss=1) or

<http://tinyurl.com/yugxkr>

Evergreen Solar: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/>

## **2-15-07 Evergreen Solar Results**

Evergreen Solar reported 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and full year 2006 results. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO526.htm> and [http://phx.corporate-](http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=123321&p=irol-news)

[ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=123321&p=irol-news](http://ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=123321&p=irol-news) or <http://tinyurl.com/y2qu9s>

## **2-15-07 Amtech Results**

Amtech Systems reported fiscal 2007 first quarter results. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B63DF22E6%2D1EE5%2D4917%2DB45D%2D62B0CB5E3B3E%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/yo3fk9>

Amtech Systems: <http://www.amtechsystems.com/>

## **2-15-07 Trina Solar Results**

Trina Solar Limited announced 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and 2006 year end results. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BF9A54BCD%2D83BA%2D4FD4%2D8122%2DC8CA7E4613B4%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2he3zz>

Trina Solar: <http://www.trinasolar.com/front/en/home.php>

## **2-15-07 Spanish Solar Plants**

See the story "International interest in Spanish solar plants" at SolarPlaza:

<http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/SolarPlazaArticles/44605>

## **2-15-07 IREC Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]**

For the latest issue of the Interstate Renewable Energy Council State and Stakeholder Newsletter, with coverage of news from IREC programs, schools going solar, interconnection / net metering, incentives & rebates, community outreach, training & certification, and other news, visit:

<http://irecusa.org/commout/enewsletter.html>

### **2-15-07 Akeena Solar at Alternative Energy Symposium**

Akeena Solar, Inc. announced that Bill Scott, EVP, will present on the panel titled "US Solar Integrator" at the Piper Jaffray Opportunities in Alternative Energy Symposium 21 February. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B43C6CAF4%2D2C60%2D4E68%2D9F8E%2DDC59EC22F658%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/yp39s6>

Akeena Solar: <http://www.akeena.net/cm/Home.html>

Piper Jaffray Symposium: <http://www.piperjaffray.com/1col.aspx?id=287&releaseid=960849>

### **2-15-07 JA Solar Holdings Bank Selection**

The Bank of New York has been selected by JA Solar Holdings Co., Ltd. as the depositary bank for its listed ADR program. Press at: [http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/news\\_press\\_release.61373.shtml](http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/news_press_release.61373.shtml) or <http://tinyurl.com/2x7ghu>

JA Solar Holdings: <http://www.jasolar.com/>

### **2-15-07 E-ton Solar Tech Loans**

E-ton Solar Tech has secured NT\$4 billion (US\$121.1 million) in syndicated loans from 14 banks chiefly for the purchase of silicon materials. Press at DigiTimes:

[http://www.digitimes.com/bits\\_chips/a20070215PD217.html](http://www.digitimes.com/bits_chips/a20070215PD217.html)

E-ton Solar Tech: <http://www.e-tonsolar.com/>

### **2-15-07 FY 2007 Appropriations**

The U.S. Senate approved H.J. Res. 20, the Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007, on 14 February, setting top-tier funding limits for domestic federal programs. Individual departments will be responsible for structuring the funding of projects within those top-tier programs and must report back to Congress in 30 days.

### **2-16-07 Suntech Power Financing**

Suntech Power Holdings Co. Ltd. said it raised \$500 million in a public debt offering. Press through Solarbuzz <http://www.solarbuzz.com/index.asp> at:

[http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070215/suntech\\_offering.html?.v=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070215/suntech_offering.html?.v=1)

Suntech Power Holdings: <http://www.suntech-power.com/?TabId=61>

### **2-16-07 More on Photowatt Tech IPO**

For more on Photowatt Technologies Inc. IPO, see the press through Solarbuzz

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/index.asp> at: [http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070214/photowatt\\_tech\\_ipo.html?.v=1](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070214/photowatt_tech_ipo.html?.v=1)

Photowatt: <http://www.photowatt.com/>

### **2-16-07 Prism Solar Technologies Financing**

Prism Solar Technologies, Inc. has closed on a bridge-round of equity financing toward its Series A financing. Press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story;jsessionid=059070E859D666644188B5DC4395A37B?id=47454> or <http://tinyurl.com/2cbskv>

Prism Solar: <http://www.prismsolar.com/>

### **2-16-07 SoloPower CIGS**

See information on SoloPower's thin-film technology, business goals, and related information at their Website: <http://www.solopower.com/>.

### **2-16-07 SolarPlaza Interview**

For an interview with Alfonso Avila, founder and director of Arian Solar SA de CV, see SolarPlaza at:

<http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/SolarPlazaInterviews/44606> or <http://tinyurl.com/yu7o64>

Arian Solar SA de CV: <http://www.solarplaza.com/content/companydetail.php?id=25439> or

<http://tinyurl.com/2voj9>

<http://www.arian.com.mx/>

For additional interviews at SolarPlaza, go to:

<http://www.solarplaza.com/content/pagina/InterviewsbySolarPlaza/43577> or <http://tinyurl.com/3yx2uc>



## **2-16-07 Legislation to Stimulate Solar Power Investment**

Senators Gordon Smith and Ken Salazar introduced legislation to stimulate investment in solar power. See the SEIA press at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/partner/story.jsessionid=059070E859D666644188B5DC4395A37B?id=47465> or <http://tinyurl.com/239q3t> and Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAGO323.htm>

SEIA: <http://www.seia.org/>

## **2-16-07 ReneSola Sales and Profit**

For press on ReneSola's sales and profit, and other company news, go to:

<http://uk.biz.yahoo.com/16022007/214/renesola-sees-profits-23m.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/3dz6jd>

ReneSola: <http://www.renesola.com/>

## **2-16-07 More on Citizenre**

See the story "The Heated Debate Over Citizenre" at RenewableEnergyAccess:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/story.jsessionid=059070E859D666644188B5DC4395A37B?id=47453> or <http://tinyurl.com/ypofof>

See also, RenewableEnergyAccess' Podcast "Special Report: A Look at Citizenre" at:

<http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/rea/news/podcast?id=47452> or <http://tinyurl.com/2sp3sz>

Citizenre: <http://www.citizenre.com/web/index.php>

## **2-16-07 Solar Station, Canada**

Norfolk county's planning department has received an application to rezone an 85-acre farm west of Port Dover for a PV station. The application is sponsored by SkyPower Corporation of Toronto. More at:

<http://simcoereformer.ca/News/287784.html>

SkyPower: <http://www.skypowercorp.com/html/partners.html>

## **2-16-07 Solar Development, Colorado**

Continuum Partners is in the preliminary stages of working with Hereford Capital Advisors to incorporate a large solar energy plant into their Belmar development. The plan is for a PV system to supply all the electricity for the garages and sell the excess back to the grid. Story at:

[http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/real\\_estate/article/0,1299,DRMN\\_414\\_5355394,00.html](http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/real_estate/article/0,1299,DRMN_414_5355394,00.html) or <http://tinyurl.com/yrohs7>

Bellmar: <http://www.belmarcolorado.com/sub/about/developer.php>

Continuum Partners: <http://www.continuumpartners.com/>

Hereford Capital Advisors: <http://www.coloradosustainablebusiness.org/news/>

## **2-16-07 Solar in Venezuela**

Venezuela has installed 87 PV systems in distant regions of the country as part of an energy diversification program. The program includes the construction of a solar panel assembly plant with Cuba's assistance. Story at:

<http://www.plenglish.com/Article.asp?ID=%7B4C2416F9-D969-4176-84B8-63E257020489%7D&language=EN> or <http://tinyurl.com/ypdv9p>

## **2-16-07 Solar Power House, India**

NEPC India Limited launched the Solar Power House, which is seen as a future solution to the power needs in the country. Story at: <http://in.news.yahoo.com/070216/139/6c6hc.html>

NEPC India: <http://www.nepcindia.com/>

## **2-16-07 Manz Automation CFO**

The supervisory board of Manz Automation AG has assigned Martin Hipp as the new Chief Financial Officer as of 1 March. Press at: <http://www.wallstreet-online.de/nachrichten/nachricht/2020543.html>

Manz Automation: <http://www.manz-automation.com/statisch/english/home/index.htm>

## **2-16-07 Alternative Energy Symposium**

Evergreen Solar, Inc. announced that the company will be presenting at the Piper Jaffray Opportunities in Alternative Energy Symposium in New York City on 21 February. Press at:

<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B23E593AB%2D41A8%2D4FE5%2D84F4>

[%2D436D58F3189C%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb](#) or <http://tinyurl.com/2flu6u>  
Evergreen Solar: <http://www.evergreensolar.com/>

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. will also present at this event. Press at:  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7BCE73BE08%2DF0EC%2D41B1%2DAFB2%2DD0700DE5629C%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb=http://tinyurl.com/yvowe2> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/2hc8mb>  
Suntech: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>  
Piper Jaffray: <http://www.piperjaffray.com/1col.aspx?id=287&releaseid=960849> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/2ocgzx>

### **2-16-07 UMass Boston Clean Energy / Venture Workshop**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, UMass Boston is hosting a full-day workshop for faculty, students and the community on the process and practice of clean energy technology entrepreneurship. See more about Invention to Venture, I2V Clean Energy, including information about speakers, at:  
<http://www.invention2venture.org/events/CLEANENERGY/index.html>  
<http://www.invention2venture.org/events/CLEANENERGY/speakers.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/ytl489>

### **2-16-07 Renewable Energy Finance Forum, China**

For more on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Renewable Energy Finance Forum China, set for 29-30 March 2007 in Beijing, visit RenewableEnergyAccess: <http://www.renewableenergyaccess.com/partner/euromoney/>

### **2-16-07 Washington Energy Security Summit**

For information on "The Washington Energy Security Summit" set for April 11 at the National Press Club, see: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?i=f5b46e3d-b7ff-4d64-a382-93f50dd14638> or  
<http://tinyurl.com/y6plzd>

### **2-16-07 Pennsylvania / Germany Cooperation / PV System**

Governor Edward Rendell signed a Declaration of Cooperation with leaders of Germany's North Rhine-Westphalia Federal Republic, which pledges continued cooperation on economic issues and alternative energy development. Press at:  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B58C35A82%2DBD35%2D4582%2DA92A%2D677793845058%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/2nj4wo>  
PA Energy Independence Strategy: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energyindependent/site/default.asp>  
A 4.8kW PV system was unveiled on the roof of Pennsylvania's DEP Southeast Regional Office, to produce clean electricity and demonstrate the usefulness and reliability of solar power, which is an important component of Governor Rendell's Energy Independence Strategy. Press at:  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B0A8838F1%2DCFB1%2D499E%2DA07A%2D15D9EE400B0B%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/256ky6>

### **2-16-07 FY 2007 Appropriations**

The President signed the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007 into law 15 February 2007.

### ***In related solar news...***

### **2-16-07 EnviroMission Strategy**

EnviroMission's Chief Executive, Roger Davey, overviewed the latest news and strategy surrounding Solar Tower development in an online broadcast available at:  
<http://www.brr.com.au/event/EVM/1674/18879/wmp/fiaa0a7ojr/kuq0g6xdvz> or <http://tinyurl.com/2qh8jx>  
Press at:  
<http://www.marketwatch.com/News/Story/Story.aspx?guid=%7B5F34ED48%2D98F9%2D4AEE%2DB5AF%2D2710175EC303%7D&siteid=mktw&dist=nbk&symb> or <http://tinyurl.com/3yfsq9>